



Appl. No. 09/484,704  
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Reply to Office Action of December 2, 2003

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No.: 09/484,704  
Applicants: Kelly J. Henrickson, et al.  
Filed: January 18, 2000  
Title: METHOD OF DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF A TARGET NUCLEIC ACID VIA A MULTIPLEX AMPLIFICATION REACTION USING UNEQUAL PRIMER CONCENTRATION (As Amended)  
Group Art Unit: 1637  
Examiner: J. Siew  
Docket No.: 650053.91126

Commissioner For Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Petition and Fee for Three Months Extension of Time for the above-identified application. Applicants file this Petition so that continuation application, filed on January 27, 2004, will be filed while the above-identified application is still pending.

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No further fees are believed necessary to enter this petition. If further fees are necessary, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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